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In re Patent Application of: SHINICHI HIRATA

Application No.: 09/059,765

Filed: April 14, 1998

For: REMOTE CONTROL OF ELECTRICAL DEVICES USING ENCRYPTED MESSAGES OVER
COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATION LINKS (as amended)

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For: A TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING
APPARATUS AND A
TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING
METHOD

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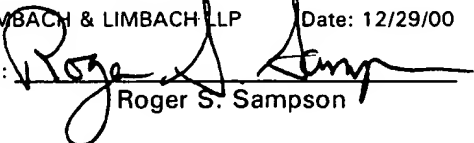
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Sir:

As shown in red ink on the attached copies of the drawings noted below, the following drawing corrections are proposed:

In FIG. 10, to the right of the figure representing step S55, please change "YES" to --NO--;

In FIG. 10, below the figure representing step S55, please change "NO" to --YES--; and

In FIG. 13B, please change the text describing step S78 to read as follows: --SEND ELECTRONIC MAIL INDICATING THAT SPECIFIED RESERVATION DATA HAVE NOT BEEN FOUND--.

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